

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

No. C4/2(69)/2005-OPD(C)



Corporate Office,
Operations (commercial) Dept,
Mushirabad, Hyderabad-20

Circular No. 22/2005-OPD(C), Date: 3.9.2005.

Sub:- **ACCIDENTS** - Growing incidence of accidents - Implementation of necessary remedial measures to reduce accidents - Further instructions - Issued - Regarding.

Ref:- 1)Circular no. 36/94-OPD-L: dated 14.7.1994.
2)Circular no. 32/96-OPD-C: dated 10.5.1996.
3)Circular no. 38/97-OPD-C: dated 01.11.1997.
4)Circular no. 21/98-OPD-C: dated 25.5.1998.
5)Circular no. 30/2002-OPD-C: dated 17.5.2002.
6)This office letter no. C4/2(43)/2005-OPD-C Dated 30.8.2005.

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Comprehensive instructions were communicated vide the Circulars cited regarding the steps to be taken to ensure safe driving and minimising accidents.

But, on a review of accidents that occurred during the months of June, July and August (upto 18th) 2005, it is observed that as many as 144 fatal accidents have occurred (involving Corporation vehicles) resulting in death of 182 passengers and other road users. It is established that some of these fatal accidents occurred due to sheer negligence of our drivers, and most of them could have been averted had the drivers taken precautionary measures.

It is well established that loss of human life on account of accidents causes untold misery to the families of the deceased, apart from lowering the image of the Corporation.

In an accident that took place at MGBS on 13.8.2005, one Asst. Manager (T), while making an attempt to board a City bus was crushed between two buses and succumbed to injuries on the way to hospital. This accident has happened solely due to negligence of our drivers.

In an another accident that took place at Maal Bus station on 3.7.2005, the driver of bus AP10Z-7447 of Devarakonda Depot, with out taking precautions has reversed his bus in the Bus station, and this has resulted in the death of a 60 yrs. old lady.

On 3.8.2005, the bus AP10Z-505 of BHEL Depot while overtaking a stationary hired bus of Miyapur depot, without maintaining sufficient gap, caused death of a passenger (who was standing on the foot board) due to crushing between the two buses.

The Bus AP11Z-5662 of Nirmal Depot while being reversed at Nirmal Bus Station on 21.6.2005, hit a lady passenger, who fell down on the road and died on the spot due to road impact.

The bus AP9Z-9912 of Jammalamadugu Depot was electrocuted at the outskirts of Ponnampalli village in Kadapa District on 8.6.2005 owing to coming into contact with sagging HT

electrical wires, resulting in death of 11 passengers on the spot.

The spurt in accidents was widely reported in Print & Electronic media, and also attracted the attention of the general public. This has tarnished the image of the Corporation.

In the light of the above, it is evident that the situation is alarming and there is immediate and imminent need to bring down the number of accidents by enlightening and educating our drivers on safe and accident free driving.

Therefore, the following instructions are reiterated for strict compliance.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED BY DRIVERS:

- 1) **Overspeeding, Sudden swerving, sudden stopping, overtaking on the face of oncoming traffic, smoking & talking while on steering, driving with one hand and improper sitting posture shall be strictly avoided.**
- 2) **While crossing a narrow bridge or culvert, the traffic coming in the opposite direction should be thoroughly observed.**
- 3) **Speed restrictions at places like school Zones, cross roads, markets etc., should be followed in toto.**
- 4) **Application of sudden brakes on slippery road surface shall be avoided to prevent skidding of vehicles.**
- 5) **Using improper gear on steep incline, steep decline and deep road bends should be avoided.**
- 6) **Unbridged streams or flooded causeways shall be passed through only after ascertaining the depth of water and ensuring safe passage. The conductor should alight and check.**
- 7) **Negotiating unmanned Railway level crossings without ensuring clearance of track on either side should be avoided.**
- 8) **While taking the vehicle in reverse, the driver has to take the help of conductor / attendant / Cooli and only after ensuring that nobody is standing on the rearside of the vehicle or on either sides, the driver should reverse the vehicle!**
- 9) **Road signals erected by R & B authorities regarding speed limits, over taking etc. have to be observed and strictly followed by the drivers.**
- 10) **There may be possibility of electrocution with the sagging of electrical wires due to loose soil, rain and wind etc. The operating staff should take adequate care while crossing over the sagging electrical wires to avert electrocution.**

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE FIELD MANAGERS:

- 1) All fatal and major accidents should be analysed meticulously, and deterrent action to be initiated against the drivers if they are found responsible for the accidents.
- 2) Operating staff should be counselled regularly by the Depot Managers, Asst. Managers (T) / Superintendent (T) for strictly following the Safety rules in all seasons, especially during Monsoon Season.
- 3) Circular instructions issued with regard to directing the drivers to medical check up once in three years upto the age of 45 years, and thereafter once in a year till retirement shall be followed scrupulously.
- 4) Breath Alcoholic analysers shall be made available at important Bus stations, and they should be in working condition at any point of time. The drivers going on long distance routes shall invariably be subjected to Breath alcoholic test at originating bus stations as well as at enroute points. Surprise element shall be maintained, while checking with Alcoholic Breath analysers.
- 5) Fixation of drivers to the vehicles and to the routes shall be undertaken to the letter and spirit.
- 6) Accident prone spots should be identified on various routes under the jurisdiction of a Depot, and all the drivers of the depot have to be made aware of the accident prone spots by exhibiting Boards at the out-going Control Charts, so that the drivers will be cautious while passing through accident prone spots.
- 7) The Roads & Buildings, Panchayat Raj and other departments concerned shall be pursued for erection of Caution Boards on either side of accident prone spots such as bridges, culverts canals, tank bunds etc. to avoid accidents.
- 8) It shall be ensured that the drivers take sufficient rest at change-over rest rooms. Checks shall be exercised periodically on change over rest rooms by supervisors to ensure that the crew do not indulge in undesirable activities like gambling, playing cards etc. without taking rest during the rest period before proceeding on duty.
- 9) Necessary instructions should be issued to the Safety Instructors to constantly follow and watch the driving habits of accident prone drivers, and thoroughly educate them on safe driving habits.

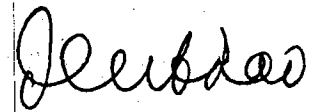
TRAINING:

- 1) 'One day' training classes should be conducted to accident prone drivers every week (preferably on slack day) regularly from August to January at Regional Head Quarters with a view to improve defensive driving skills and to bring attitudinal change in accident prone drivers which help reduction in accidents.

- 2) Drivers whose driving habits and behavioral attitudes with the passengers are found not good, shall be drafted for refresher training at ZSTC concerned.
- 3) The drivers involved in fatal and major accidents and not suspended based on the recommendations of the accident joint enquiry committee, shall be deputed for training in driving habits for a minimum period of 15 days at ZSTC before sending them on line. The drivers who are lifted from suspension and whose cases are considered in appeals, should also be invariably directed to Training college for undergoing training for 15 days, before booking them on duty.

All the Field Managers are hereby strictly instructed to ensure implementation of the above guidelines / instructions with true spirit, so as to minimise the accidents in the months to come, thereby avoiding loss of precious human lives besides keeping up the image of the Corporation.

Please acknowledge.



**VICE CHAIRMAN &
MANAGING DIRECTOR**

**To
All Depot Managers,
A.P.S.R.T.C.**

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Copy to : all HODs/ Head office for information.

Copy to : all RMs for information.

Copy to : all Divisional Managers - for infn. & n/action.

Copy to : all Principals of Zonal Staff Training Colleges for information.

Copy to : all Dy.CTMs/Head office for information.